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FORMER U.S. SEN. GARY HART TO SPEAK AT USD

Former U.S. Sen. Gary Hart will speak at the University of San Diego Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m.

Hart, who is considering a run for the presidency in 2004, will discuss "Global Citizenship in the 21st Century" at USD's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. He will also participate in a panel discussion on the global citizenship theme at 3:30 p.m.

Hart's talk highlights the North American Reunion for the 50th Anniversary of St. Clare's International College, Oxford. The independent college was founded in England after World War II to promote international education and understanding.

Since 1953, St. Clare's has evolved to become a lively international community of around 350 students from 40 countries. Students normally come to St. Clare's in their junior year, spending either a semester or a full academic year.

Nearly 1,000 USD students have attended St. Clare's during the last 20 years as part of a study abroad experience. "We are delighted to welcome St. Clare's to our

campus,” said USD President Alice B. Hayes. “At a time of so much conflict in the world, this is a wonderful opportunity for students from St. Clare’s to come together to celebrate and renew the spirit of international understanding and cooperation established there.”

The three-day reunion includes an open house session for current students interested in finding out more about St. Clare’s from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Both President Hayes and St. Clare’s Principal Boyd Roberts will participate in a luncheon at 12:30 p.m., followed by Sen. Hart’s keynote speech.

Patrick Drinan, dean of USD’s College of Arts and Sciences, will moderate the panel with Hart; Peter Oppenheimer, St. Clare’s Chairman of Governors; Joyce Neu, director of the Peace and Justice Institute and Tom Wenzel, vice provost for Student Affairs at Marquette University.

The University of San Diego is an independent Catholic institution of higher learning overlooking San Diego’s Mission Bay. Chartered in 1949, the school enrolls more than 7,000 students and is known for its commitment to teaching, the liberal arts, the formation of values and community service.

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